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Levy of tolls on carts used for agricultural purposes.

598 Q.—Mr. A. TANGAVELU NAYAGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to call for information as to what has become of the mahazar submitted to the district board of North Arcot by the residents of Pudupadi village, Walaja taluk, praying for exemption from the levy of toll on such carts as have to be frequently passing up and down the toll-gate solely for agricultural purposes, such as the carrying of manure, produce of agriculture, etc.?

A.—The Government do not propose to call for the information.

APPENDIX A.

[Vide answer to question No. 529 asked by Mr. B. P. Devarajulu Nayudu at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 18th December 1922, page 875 supra.]

Statement showing irrigation projects in the Cuddapah district that were investigated during the past thirty years.

Number and name of projects. (1)	Short description. (2)	Remarks. (3)
1. Chepad project.	The project consists in the excavation of a channel from the Kunderu river above the Rajoli anicut. The channel with its six distributaries is designed to irrigate 12,939 acres. The work is treated as part of the Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal system. Estimated cost Rs. 9·42 lakhs.	The work is in progress.
2. Maidkur project.	The project provides for improving the existing Maidkur channel for 3 miles, 30 chains, extending it for a length of 11¼ miles and for providing the necessary branch channels and masonry works so as to irrigate an additional extent of 6,000 acres. This work is also treated as part of the Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal system. Estimated cost Rs. 3·06 lakhs.	The work is nearing completion.
3. Ukkayapalli project.	The proposal is to excavate a channel from the Patha-Cuddapah tank supply channel to command an area of 1,600 acres in the villages of Ukkayapalli, Chinchowk and Patha Cuddapah. This work is also treated as part of the Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal system.	The work was completed at a cost of Rs. 78,103 for "Works". As it forms part of the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal, no separate accounts are kept.
4. Nagavaram anicut and supply channel.	The scheme provides for improving the existing anicut and supply channel in the Pullampet taluk with a view to irrigate 343 acres in addition to the existing ayacut of 550 acres.	The work was completed at a cost of Rs. 86,757 for "Works". The irrigation under the tank has not yet fully developed. The net revenue during the year 1921–22 was Rs. 1,853 and this amount fell short of the interest on the capital outlay by Rs. 1,715.

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Number and name of projects. (1)	Short description. (2)	Remarks. (3)
5. Sagileru system (Upper).	The project consists in the construction of an anicut across the Sagileru river, excavation of a new channel down to Kalasapad tank and improvements to the Ramachandra kalva down to Pormamilla tank with all the necessary masonry works. The scheme was expected to bring under cultivation an additional extent of 2,000 acres.	The work was completed in March 1907 at a cost of Rs. 3,54,321 for "Works". The project has not been a success. The net revenue during the year 1921-22 was Rs. 5,388 and this amount fell short of the interest on the capital outlay by Rupees 9,479.
6. Papaghni reservoir project.	The proposal is to form a reservoir on the Papaghni river, a tributary of the Penner, by constructing a masonry dam near Velligallu village where the river passes through a narrow gorge. It is proposed to irrigate by means of channels taking off from the reservoir an area of 10,000 acres of wet crop and 17,300 acres of dry crop. Estimated cost is Rs. 42·08 lakhs.	Preliminary reports were submitted, but the schemes were not sufficiently promising to justify detailed investigation. Gauging observations are being made to determine whether the projects deserve further investigation.
7. Pullampet reservoir project.	It is proposed to form two reservoirs, one by constructing a masonry dam across a gorge at Rayavaram in the Palkonda hills, to intercept the water in the Pinchandi and Bahuda, tributaries of the Cheyyar and the other by damming the Mandavyanadhi, another tributary of the Cheyyar, at Veerapally. The water thus stored will irrigate 70,000 acres in the Pullampet taluk. Estimated cost is Rs. 66·30 lakhs.	
8. Tungabhadra project.	The proposal was to construct a reservoir across the Tungabhadra three miles above Hospet with a capacity of 120,683 m.c. ft. to irrigate about 961,800 acres of wet crop and protect 1,000,000 acres of dry crop. The object was to give a large measure of protection to the five districts affected (Cuddapah, Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur and Nellore), which suffer severely in seasons of drought. Estimated cost was Rs. 13 crores.	As a return of only 2·59 per cent was expected and as it was considered that the Cauvery and the Kistna reservoir projects, which are likely to prove productive, should be given precedence, it was decided that this project should be indefinitely postponed.
9. Vemula tank project.	The project provides for the formation of a new tank at Vemula, Pulivendla taluk, by damming up the two streams—Chakati and Ullavanka—at a point about 1½ miles west of Vemula. The water thus stored will irrigate 464 acres.	The project was completed at a cost of Rs. 50,961 for "Works". It, however, proved a failure owing to the leaky nature of the bund.
10. Thalapulavanka tank project.	This is a proposal to form a tank on the Thalapula vanka stream near Peddannavaripalli in Kadiri taluk for the irrigation of 300 acres.	The project was completed at a cost of Rs. 54,348 for "Works". The bund breached twice owing to the poor nature of the soil. As the tank would not be absolutely safe even after the necessary improvements were carried out, the scheme was ordered to be abandoned.

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Number and name of projects. (1)	Short description. (2)	Remarks. (3)
11. Lower Sagileru project.	It was proposed to construct an aniout across the Sagileru river just below its junction with its tributary the Pokkineru and to excavate a channel therefrom 15 miles long to supply the Badvel and eleven other tanks for the irrigation of 4,164 acres of first crop and 1,000 acres of second crop. Estimated cost was Rs. 2·35 lakhs.	The project was abandoned as it was not worth carrying out even as a famine relief work as it would not pay its working expenses.
12. Chennayyagaripalli project.	The project consists in the formation of a reservoir by means of an earthern dam across the Pedda eru, otherwise known as the Pedda-Tippasamudram tank surplus vanka in the village limits of Kamasalavandlapalli and Chennayyagaripalli for the irrigation of 1,420 acres. Estimated cost was Rs. 4·30 lakhs.	The scheme was abandoned as the supply available was precarious and as it did not fulfil the conditions of a productive or protective work.
13. Dorigallu project.	The proposal was to form a reservoir by constructing a combined masonry and earthern dam across the Muddaleru, a tributary of the Chitravati river, for the irrigation of about 5,000 acres of wet crop. The cost of the scheme was Rs. 18·65 lakhs.	The project was abandoned as it did not satisfy the conditions of a productive, protective or famine relief work.
14. Thambalagundi tank project.	The proposal was to close the breach in the tank and to raise the bund to 6 feet above M.W.L. for a length of 5,730 feet from the left flank and to 4½ feet for the remaining portion. The scheme would bring an area of 445 acres of dry land under wet cultivation. Estimated cost was Rs. 61,563.	The scheme was abandoned as the return anticipated was poor. Moreover the tank formed of light red soil on a shale foundation was not considered sufficiently watertight.
15. Chilamakur tank project.	The proposal was to form a new tank at Chilamakur, Proddatur taluk, at a cost of Rs. 1·09 lakhs (for "Works"). The tank after completion was expected to irrigate 300 acres.	The project was abandoned as it was not suitable as a famine relief work and as the return expected was very poor.
16. Itigundlapad tank project.	The proposal was to construct a new tank at about a mile west of Itigundlapad village, Badvel taluk, at a cost of Rs. 49,320 for "Works". The tank after completion was expected to irrigate 225 acres.	The scheme was not promising as regards water-supply since in a bad year there would be widespread failure of crop involving considerable remissions. Moreover the return anticipated was poor and there was also the possibility of the estimate of cost of construction being exceeded. For the above reasons the project was abandoned.
17. Badugavaripalli tank project.	The proposal was to form a new tank at Badugavaripalli, Jammalamadugu village.	The site of the proposed tank was unsuited for the construction of a tank. Moreover the tank after completion would not, owing to the nature of the soil, hold water. The project was therefore abandoned.